**Ponthir Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Held on 11th April 2022**

Hybrid meeting held on Zoom and at PSCC, Ponthir

@ 7pm

1. **Present:**  Cllr Ian Danaher (Chair), Cllr P Matthews, Cllr S Bailey, Cllr L Ryan-Scales

Clerk: Karen Kerslake

**Members of the public present**

* 1. Emma McKintosh-Davies – Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

1. **Apologies:** L. Morgan, M. Barrell
2. **Declarations of Interest**
   1. None

1. **Matters Raised by Members of the Public**
   1. Building permissions in Stokes Court – Clerk directed the resident to Torfaen County Borough Council Planning Department.
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting** – 14th March 2022
   1. Proposed Cllr P. Matthews
   2. Seconded Cllr L. Ryan-Scales
3. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**
   1. Speeding in Ponthir – Information has been received around speeding and traffic flow through Ponthir and Llanfrechfa. This will be included in the next newsletter from the Council. Awaiting functionality of proposed speed monitoring/warning equipment. More investigation needed of the type of equipment suggested by Torfaen County Borough Council. Clerk to forward picture of equipment at Llangybi to Torfaen Highways for investigation.
   2. Ongoing work with D. Leach, Head of Communities, Torfaen. Council agreed for the Chairman, Cllr Danaher and Clerk to progress matters and update at each meeting.
   3. Wildlife ponds and work at PSCC – to be removed from the agenda for the time being – update to be circulated in newsletter and on social media.
   4. Memorial Stone in Ponthir Church for remembrance. – Still awaiting prices.
   5. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – community events schedule to be circulated in newsletter and social media.
   6. Benches – Awaiting permissions from Torfaen County Borough Council to site the benches.
   7. Survey for future Christmas Lights – Clerk has contacted SSE, no update as yet.
   8. Nothing has been received from the Secretary of the Hall Committee relating to meeting dates and the inclusion of Cllr Matthews in meetings.
   9. Cllr Ryan-Scales will remind contractor for gardening that we are awaiting contact
   10. Newsletter will be printed and distributed in April.
4. **Schools Admission Policy**

Council noted the new policy. Clerk to inform the school that there are no observations from the meeting.

1. **Finance and Accounts**
2. Balance of Direct Plus Account – Noted
3. Cheques/Online payments made - Noted
4. To Note Standing Order/Direct Debit Payments – Noted
5. Final Audit Certificate for accounts 2020/21 – A qualified audit notice has been received by the council. This is due to an error on the submission form and this is stated by Wales Audit Office on the comments on the submission. Notice will now be made public for any member of the public to inspect the accounts. Clerk to place on notice boards.
6. Q4 Accounting Statement - Noted
7. **Planning Applications**

None

1. **Any other business**

An overview of the Wellbeing project was provided by Emma McKintosh-Davies. The project seeks to determine what matters to the community in relation to how to increase wellbeing in Ponthir. Plans are to be progressed in the medium term with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board around this subject. A similar project has been run in Blaenavon and has had some positive outputs from activity around community connections between services available and residents. It is hoped similar can be set up in Ponthir if this is needed.

Clerk will send newsletter for EMD to check the content in relation to the project.

Clerk will send over EMD an overview of activities and opportunities etc., in the form of a scoping exercise as a starting point.

Clerk stated that she will be finishing in the role by the end of October 2022 which will give the Council enough time to find a replacement.

1. **Correspondence** 
   1. Noted

**The date of the next Monthly Meeting 9th May 2022 at PSCC**

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm

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